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Thank you for returning the Form 57 which I gave you and for the frank statement of your desires.

I cannot, of course, commit a position in CIA which will be responsible only to me. There are only one or two such positions, and they are now quite adequately filled, as are also the senior staff positions which I have available.

I think it quite probable that an interesting position might be found for you at a little lower level than you have indicated, should such a situation interest you. There is always a primary need for outstanding competence in the upper level of both administration and operations, and it is of definite interest to me to fill such positions, where possible and practicable, with individuals of whom I have sufficient knowledge to warrant confidence in expected results. I am sure you know that I would place you in that category.

If you feel you can consider coming in here under the circumstances which I have indicated, I would appreciate it if you will let me know. Until I do get some definite word from you, I'll hold everything in abeyance.

I do appreciate fully your situation with respect to your business and will understand if you feel that you should not further consider coming with us.

As you requested, I am returning the personal records which you inclosed with your letter.

Sincerely,

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R. H. HILLENKOTTER
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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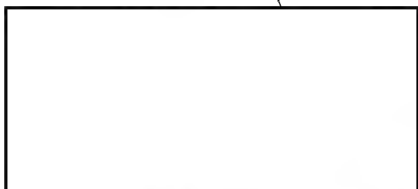
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If you feel you can consider coming in here under the circumstances which I have indicated, I would appreciate it if you will let me know. In view of the restriction indicated in your letter of 26 September, I shall go no further until I hear from you again.

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Rear Admiral, USN
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Enclosures

cc: Chief, Personnel Branch, A&M

Mr. Kelly: For your information and file. You will be advised further upon receipt of further information from [redacted]

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September 26th 1947

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Dear Admiral Hillenkoeter:

I enclose the application for Federal Employment which you gave me. That part of it calling for 'positions held' is necessarily incomplete as I have always worked for myself.

For your own information I enclose copies of my fitness reports from Captain Goggins and General Twitty, an old qualification questionnaire that you signed and a Bronze Star Citation by Admiral Nimitz. I presume that none of the above need be forwarded to the proper parties with my application for Federal Employment and I therefore would appreciate it if you would ask your secretary to return them to me in [redacted] after you have made such use of them as you wish.

I would like to emphasize again that although I welcome the opportunity to again work under you and feel that at this critical period I should offer my services to the Government for what they are worth yet on the other hand I am the head of and own several exceptionally profitable businesses the income of which may substantially decrease due to my absence, I therefore do not wish to give up what I am doing now unless you have a real job for me to do. As I told you in Washington I do not care at all whether or not my position carries a title but it must be answerable only to you.

After consideration of the above if you really need me I will be more than glad to come at any time you wish for a six month period after which I will have the privilege of resigning if I find the results of my work do not warrant my absence from my personal business for a longer time.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

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P. S. If it will be any help to the FBI they will find an exceptionally complete dossier on me in the files of Naval Intelligence in [redacted]

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